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Dear friend Ebh:

Where are you that we do not hear from you? I have waited to receive that letter ~~that~~ which you were going to write in about a week - but it does not come, and now I'm going to write to you. I have written you one letter before wh I'll enclose in this. Since I wrote it, Halsted & Dan have been to Fondulac - went through Kingston and stopped to see Inez - we are expecting her & her fellow today - I hope they will come, for I am lonesome, so almost homesick or something else. I don't know what to do with myself - Wish you were here, for was I ever lonesome where you were!

we begin to talk about your coming back but I suspect it will all be talk, for I don't know as I expect you any.

— About my going home I can't yet tell when I'll go. I have felt since you left as though I wished to go, than otherwise, but have not as yet, received a letter from home. Suppose when I do, that will decide the question. For some reasons I wish to go, yet there are some things which prompt me to stay. I do not feel quite as badly as I did when I wrote you first, because I will not get sometimes I do not feel quite so happy as I'd wish. — Dave is decidedly better for some reason, yet I do not see him much. What a strange world this is! I almost wish sometimes, that I did not live in it, for there is certainly nothing for me here. When I try to

do right and please others. I'm sure to displease. I cannot tell why it is so. I fancy the next thing will be - you'll get mad at me for nothing, just as some others do. If you do - well. I don't know what I'll do - unless I get mad too.

By the way, Mr Halsted said to me the other day - "I brought you a letter from La Crosse". I replied, yes, from Eph. I wish you had seen him, when he said it - he looked so funny. But that was all we said, and didn't I want to laugh? ——— Do you hear any more from Hannah - and have you written her what I told you to? Or have you concluded that you won't be to the "painful trouble" of writing her again? I want to know all about it, so you can just tell me the whole story if you please -

I should like to know what she meant by one thing she wrote in her letter, —

Tommy - Thinks dont you wish you might have gone with her

Tommy is a dunce, & Maggie is here to work, so I'm well, here to go.

— Well, I commenced this letter yesterday and thought sure that some one would go the Office today, but no one has been during the week — whether there is a letter there from you I can't tell. I'm so out of patience waiting for letters I don't know what to do. — She has not come yet, and I am so homesick. If I could, I'd start for home tomorrow. What should you think were I to tell you that — D— has not been in our room for two days! It is even so. I could cry all the time, if it would do any good, but what's the use! I won't coax any one, but I hate to see any one so odd. Oh dear! dear! I wish you'd come tonight. It would afford me more pleasure than anything I can think of. Well here I have written you two whole sheets, and have written nothing to interest you, but I can't help it. I write always just as I feel. Now if you do not come back soon, write me a long letter, but do come, for I want to see you more than I can tell you, and beside you know we are going to Ill. — Excuse awful writing &c. Come home! Your true friend Bet.